

MINUTES
INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
JUNE 23, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

I. ROLL CALL

Agency: Sutphen, Ashworth, Block, Furlong, Williams
Staff: Jones, Silsby

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Scott at 7:04 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF June 9, 2010 and June 14, 2010

MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 9, 2010, as amended

Wording change under Old Business on page 2.

Motion made by Block, seconded by Sutphen, so voted unanimously

MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 14, 2010

Motion by Block, seconded by Sutphen, so voted unanimously

IV. NEW APPLICATIONS

1. Parking Lot Improvements, 721 Long Hill Road

Clint Brown reviewed the plans to improve the parking and landscaping at the former Hendel's Furniture Store. The parking lot will be extended at the front and one side in order to use the entire building for retail space. Fifty-two (52) spaces are being proposed. The Zoning Commission approved a 10% reduction of required spaces. He explained the proposed Storm Water Management System. An underground stormwater detention system will be in place to control runoff. The proposal also includes installing a stormwater treatment unit, which will pick up and treat runoff from the parking lot and nearby gas station. No filling or excavating wetlands will be done.

The Agency would like Staff to do research on the proposed "management system". Discussion followed about the back of the property and the quality of the wetlands. The Agency will view the property on its own.

MOTION: To Classify as a Minor application

Motion by Sutphen, seconded by Williams, so voted unanimously

V. PENDING

1. Drozdyk Drive Sidewalk

MOTION: To approve the Drozdyk Drive sidewalk application for the following reasons:

1. There is no loss of wetland or watercourse as a result of this project
2. The applicant has eliminated the snow shelf and shifted the sidewalk as far from the wetlands as is possible.

This permit is subject to the four standard conditions.

Motion made by Block, seconded by Sutphen, so voted unanimously

2. East Farm Subdivision, 500 Noank Road

Michael Franklin was present for this application.

Staff explained that the old permit has expired and a new application has been submitted. She stated that letters from owners who own the lots in this subdivision have been received and are on file in the Planning Department.

MOTION: To approve the East Farm Subdivision application for the following reasons:

1. There is no loss of wetland or watercourse associated with this development
2. There are no future regulated activities made inevitable by this permit.

This permit is subject to the five standard conditions.

Motion made by Sutphen, seconded by Block, so voted unanimously

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Wilson Property, 0 Lambtown Road – Show Cause Hearing

Staff received a letter from Attorney Eric Janney requesting a continuation until the August meeting with the hope that the Crandall Restoration Plan will be finalized by that time. Item continued to August 25, 2010.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Report of Chair

Sutphen reported that two boulders have been placed at one entrance to the Library Hill Subdivision to force traffic to use the construction entrance.

Staff stated that sand has been removed from Eccelston Brook. Sutphen suggested that the site walk discussion be formally transmitted to Public Works in memo form with a copy to Agency members.

Sutphen reported that the main path at the Town owned Mortimer Wright Property has been mowed and large tire tracks are causing ruts in the ground. Staff was not aware of this activity. Sutphen asked if it would be okay if she could fill in the ruts on the property. Staff replied yes.

Some members received a letter from Zell Steever about the Climate Change Task Force. Staff stated that this task force is a Town Council initiated group. She noted that a meeting relative to climate change is scheduled for July 12, 2010 in Room 1 at the Town Hall Annex.

2. Report of Staff

Staff spoke about the Great Brook Subdivision, noting that there are three basins on the site in different stages of construction. She asked if the Agency was interested in doing a site walk. The Agency would like to view this property at the end of July.

Relative to regulation changes, Staff reviewed a map that has been prepared by Planning Tech Paul Duarte showing brooks that will have an expanded regulated area. She proposes to include a map in the regulations when language is approved expanding the regulated areas.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Barbara Block, Secretary
Inland Wetland Agency

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